



Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



Topic: Senate Bill 225 (2011 Legislative Session)

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This technical bulletin is being provided to assist with implementation of Senate Bill 225 (SB 225).

Bill Summary:


SB 225 establishes provisions for the Health Division to acknowledge and prepare a list of hospitals that have obtained designation as a primary stroke center. The bill also authorizes the State Board of Health to adopt regulations relating to such designations. A licensed hospital which does not have a designation as a primary stroke center may not advertise the hospital is a primary stroke center. The bill does not prohibit any hospital from providing care to a victim of stroke, even if the hospital does not receive such a designation.

- A hospital may submit to the Health Division proof the hospital is certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission, or an equivalent organization.
- Upon receiving proof the hospital is certified as a primary stroke center, the Health Division shall include the hospital on the list established on the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance website.
- On or before July 1 of each year, the Health Division shall post a list of the hospitals designated as a primary stroke center on the Health Division website.
- A hospital that is not listed as a primary stroke center shall not represent, advertise or imply the hospital is designated as a primary stroke center.
- The provisions of this bill do not prohibit a hospital from providing care to a victim of stroke if the hospital does not have a designation as a primary stroke center.


SB 225 becomes effective on January 1, 2012.

For more detailed information, please visit the following website:

http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/SB/SB225_EN.pdf

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